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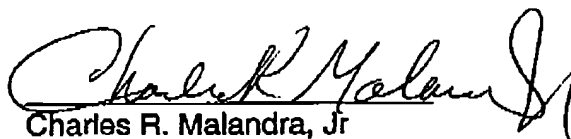
Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-32 remain in this case. Applicant has amended claims 1, 9, 17 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer. This amendment has been made to facilitate prosecution. Applicant submits that this Amendment is supported by the Specification as originally filed, and does not introduce any new matter.

Claims claims 1-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. According to paragraphs 2.1.A and 2.2 in the Office Action, the rejection goes to independent claims 1, 9, 17 and 25. According to paragraph 2.1.A in the Office Action, the remaining claims inherit the defects of the base claims. Claims 1, 9, 17 and 25 have been amended to clarify that the forensic evidence is generated in the postage metering system. Claim 25 has been amended to clarify that document data to be included in a document includes content data.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are now in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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